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I am for the current settlement as defined by the DOJ, Microsoft, and many of the States.

The additional things wished for by the nine dissenting States are intended to benefit Microsoft competitors. There is nothing in these additional punishments that address consumers in any fashion whatsoever. The punishments these States want is totally inappropriate. Anti-trust laws are not intended to be used to prop up competitors.

The only settlement that will matter is one that addresses consumers. These other things, forcing Microsoft to make the source code to Windows public domain is to essentially strip Microsoft of the benefit of their Copyrights. Is this how we reward intellectual property companies that are successful? We strip them of their products and put the those products in the public domain? That is wrong! We must not set that precedent as it will certainly have a chilling effect on innovation. And the government should not get into practice of product design. The Government should not design Microsoft's products. In any event the Appeals court said the bundling issue had not been proved and would have to be re-tried. Well these nine states do not want to re-try that aspect. Instead they are pushing to the remedy phase without a trial again! This should be tried in a court of law! How can the states ask for a punishment that is not a result of a trial? It is wrong! The states do NOT have the right to force product designs on Microsoft especially considering that that part of trial was rejected by the appeals court.

Thank You,

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"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." -
Martin Luther King, Jr.